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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT:

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Code Classification of United States Customs Districts and Ports, January 1, 1967 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities, which appears in the January 1970 issue of Report FT 410, may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective with the statistics for January 1970, the export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $251 and over to countries other than Canada. For Canada, data are fully compiled for shipments individually valued at $2,000 and over while data for shipments valued $251-$1,999 are estimated from a 10-percent sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown for North America include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a 2 chances out of 3 basis) of value totals. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000 - $1,000,000	.40	1.00		
$100,000 - $500,000	.45	.55	.85	1.00
$20,000 - $100,000	.65	.65	.65	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Generally less than $10,000			

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The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	71,817	(X)	16,698	6,805	36,020	9,138	1,223	1,548	473,538	(X)	62,828	30,652	272,015	82,323	9,721	9,265
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	26,885	7,571	2,259	12,642	3,786	149	340	(X)	174,791	30,241	8,776	92,146	37,033	1,879	2,317
St. Albans, Vt.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.....	1,787	987	120	(Z)	1,569	46	8	45	14,738	7,361	1,161	1	12,682	479	267	148
Buffalo, N.Y.....	209	208	208	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1,589	1,544	1,586	-	3	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	33,189	10,653	2,494	1,742	23,897	3,770	261	1,026	258,066	79,078	16,249	11,612	189,234	32,065	2,559	6,347
Philadelphia, Pa.....	726	403	12	53	558	95	1	8	5,024	3,334	136	172	3,930	662	18	106
Baltimore, Md.....	54	46	21	1	27	3	-	2	376	373	136	2	201	31	-	6
Savannah, Ga.....	76	24	24	-	52	-	-	-	352	242	168	-	184	-	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	47	8	46	-	1	-	-	-	229	5	192	-	37	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	382	112	345	28	8	(Z)	-	2	1,088	431	933	125	24	2	-	5
Laredo, Tex.....	228	146	206	22	-	-	-	-	762	540	643	119	-	-	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	57	57	56	-	1	-	-	-	754	754	728	-	26	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	64	50	64	-	-	(Z)	-	-	69	48	67	-	-	2	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	3,630	1,469	710	151	1,363	1,045	309	51	50,482	17,287	7,351	1,370	19,901	18,468	2,800	593
San Francisco, Calif...	2,991	1,633	144	23	323	2,171	322	7	28,199	15,289	1,006	337	3,260	20,701	2,841	53
Portland, Oreg.....	83	83	2	-	79	1	-	(Z)	1,156	1,156	17	-	1,104	35	-	(Z)
Seattle, Wash.....	425	351	158	6	88	154	16	3	4,400	3,471	1,289	14	756	2,020	222	99
Anchorage, Alaska.....	39	35	35	-	3	1	-	-	182	59	59	-	75	48	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	63	35	3	-	(Z)	32	28	(Z)	990	219	57	-	8	749	176	1
Great Falls, Mont.....	46	35	46	-	-	-	-	-	315	280	315	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	3	(Z)	(Z)	-	3	-	-	-	110	2	2	-	108	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	182	182	85	-	12	84	-	(Z)	1,485	1,485	605	-	154	717	-	9
Duluth, Minn.....	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	23	23	23	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	1,467	1,358	141	(Z)	1,293	18	1	15	7,681	6,898	985	(Z)	6,475	140	8	72
Chicago, Ill.....	4,714	2,655	1,122	1	3,197	291	5	98	28,255	15,946	8,059	13	17,592	2,208	5	378
Cleveland, Ohio.....	563	110	337	(Z)	204	20	-	2	2,058	418	1,259	1	413	374	-	12
St. Louis, Mo.....	52	52	12	-	37	3	-	(Z)	762	756	42	-	620	99	-	1
San Juan, P.R.....	616	400	470	115	12	1	-	19	2,258	821	811	904	417	1	-	126
Miami, Fla.....	9,287	4,807	5,406	3,822	55	2	(Z)	2	25,685	10,325	11,402	13,480	750	20	2	30
Houston, Tex.....	1,084	690	514	39	133	302	2	94	5,571	3,410	1,339	292	1,824	1,352	37	728
Washington, D.C.....	396	61	3	98	268	26	(Z)	1	6,940	623	14	811	5,968	133	1	14
All other districts....	102	94	42	16	2	41	-	1	272	214	24	38	88	115	-	7
Shipments under $251...	8,871	(NA)	3,867	689	2,837	1,032	272	174	16,930	(NA)	6,168	1,360	6,182	1,905	786	529
Special Category.....	385	138	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,733	2,399	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	46,702	(X)	8,677	2,931	26,748	7,884	264	174	251,808	(X)	24,323	8,114	159,877	55,130	1,711	2,622
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	22,073	4,815	813	11,626	4,674	105	40	(X)	119,307	11,294	3,403	69,144	33,621	827	1,017
St. Albans, Vt.....	11	8	11	-	(Z)	-	-	-	59	55	57	-	2	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.....	2,019	1,182	41	3	1,922	27	(Z)	27	9,667	5,509	382	13	8,828	403	2	39
Buffalo, N.Y.....	114	61	97	-	16	1	-	(Z)	1,110	800	878	-	96	13	-	123
New York City, N.Y.....	21,792	9,833	388	918	17,818	2,497	76	94	141,801	56,312	3,507	4,485	114,604	17,124	574	1,507
Philadelphia, Pa.....	704	603	3	-	698	3	1	(Z)	6,514	5,685	27	-	5,816	20	3	647
Baltimore, Md.....	62	61	10	-	50	2	-	-	828	805	235	-	579	14	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	24	20	20	-	4	-	-	-	435	401	348	-	86	-	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	60	54	57	-	3	-	-	1	226	55	68	-	156	-	-	2
New Orleans, La.....	250	133	248	(Z)	2	(Z)	-	-	210	62	203	(Z)	6	1	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	153	128	152	(Z)	1	(Z)	-	-	260	130	237	1	14	7	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	7	6	6	-	1	-	(Z)	-	144	136	141	-	3	-	(Z)	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	2,468	1,406	144	31	569	1,674	48	2	23,123	9,079	4,189	147	4,954	13,105	637	91
San Francisco, Calif...	1,986	1,502	24	6	239	1,686	32	(Z)	17,306	10,921	307	50	1,654	15,065	228	3
Portland, Oreg.....	50	50	(Z)	-	50	(Z)	-	-	214	214	(Z)	-	210	4	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	337	274	63	(Z)	75	178	20	-	4,003	3,543	921	1	517	2,472	91	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	99	90	1	-	9	89	(Z)	-	289	197	2	-	96	190	1	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	51	20	19	-	2	18	11	-	489	320	27	-	52	297	113	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	8	5	5	-	(Z)	-	-	3	81	81	76	-	(Z)	-	-	5
Pembina, N. Dak.....	17	10	8	-	-	9	-	-	86	67	66	-	-	20	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	133	127	11	-	40	48	34	-	669	634	61	-	303	305	1	-
Duluth, Minn.....	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	490	489	490	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	831	782	178	-	649	4	(Z)	1	4,053	3,628	2,021	(Z)	1,991	39	(Z)	2
Chicago, Ill.....	2,246	1,216	209	18	1,478	539	(Z)	2	17,036	10,494	2,358	187	10,270	4,208	5	7
Cleveland, Ohio.....	108	17	51	-	48	9	-	-	870	343	335	-	238	297	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	3	3	-	-	3	(Z)	-	(Z)	31	30	-	-	29	1	-	(Z)
San Juan, P.R.....	1,384	195	1,196	99	85	3	-	-	1,284	612	802	80	394	8	-	-
Miami, Fla.....	6,512	3,772	4,741	1,707	59	5	-	(Z)	7,914	2,946	4,080	2,860	954	20	-	1
Houston, Tex.....	240	169	113	7	116	3	(Z)	1	3,536	2,631	1,052	112	2,126	104	5	137
Washington, D.C.....	327	311	40	(Z)	274	12	-	(Z)	3,085	2,988	207	3	2,793	77	-	4
All other districts....	44	32	17	-	26	(Z)	-	-	319	140	247	-	47	25	-	-
Shipments under $251...	4,655	(NA)	816	142	2,511	1,076	41	43	5,676	(NA)	995	174	3,062	1,312	50	53

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